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SUBJECT: STABLER-MCCLOSKEY TELECON

1. AFTER URGING SENATOR SPARKMAN TO HAVE THE COMMITTEE ACT ON TREATY RATIFICATION TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN INEXPLICABLY TOLD THE COMMITTEE I HAD ASKED THAT ACTION BE DEFERRED. I HAD DELIBERATELY GONE TO SPARKMAN BECAUSE OF WORD THAT SOME MEMBERS WERE ARGUING FOR INACTION AS A RESULT OF THEIR FRUSTRATION OVER THREAT OF A PRESIDENTIAL VETO OF THE ENTIRE FY 76 SECURITY ASSISTANCE BILL. (THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT YET ACTED ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.)

2. IRONICALLY, THIS LAPSE IN UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE CHAIRMAN MAY HAVE BEEN FORTUITIOUS IF ONLY BECAUSE WE LATER LEARNED THAT SENATOR CLARK HAD PREPARED A STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF A COMMITTEE STAFF RECOMMENDATION THAT A "RESERVATION" INVOLVING THE AUTHORIZATION OF MONEY BE ATTACHED TO THE TREATY. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING SEPARATELY WITH SENATOR CASE AND CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI IN HOPES OF CIRCUMVENTING ANY DECLARATION OF "RESERVATION" IN ACCOMPANYING LEGISLATION.

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3. WHILE I AM CONFIDENT WE WILL OVERCOME THE ISSUE ABOVE
THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF "MURPHY'S LAW" IN ALL OF OUR DEALINGS
WITH THE CONGRESS. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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